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DODGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Housing Newsletter

New Housing Newsletter

In an effort to improve our service and communication with households participating in the Housing Choice Voucher program, we have developed this newsletter.

Periodically we will be sending the newsletter filled with items that we hope you find useful. This might include updates to the program, reminders regarding Housing Quality Standards, industry changes, etc.

If you have an item to share, feel free to mail your suggestion to our office.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at (920) 386-2866.



Scholarships Available

The Wisconsin Association of Housing Authorities which the Dodge County Housing Authority is a member of offers three scholarships to participants of housing programs throughout Wisconsin.

One scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 for a full time student and two scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each for a part-time student will be awarded this spring.

Any member of a household on our Housing Choice Voucher program is welcome to apply.

Applicants must be in attendance at any two year or higher accredited Public or Private institution in the State of Wisconsin offering an associate

or undergraduate degree or be a graduating High School Senior. A cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher is required.

Last year's recipients were all adult women who had gone back to school to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

More details and an application are available from our office.



We encourage any interested persons to contact our office as soon as possible. **We must receive your completed application in our office no later than March, 10th, 2003.**

Voucher Program Update

We wanted to update you know the current status of the voucher program in Dodge County.

Each year we are issued a fixed amount of federal dollars to provide rental assistance to low income households in Dodge County.

Currently 210 households are participating in the voucher program in Dodge County.

People who have applied prior to April 1, 2002 have now been processed and right now we have as many people on the program as we have money to provide assistance.

This means that at this time we are not able to pull names from the waiting list to add new people to the program. The waiting list continues to grow with, over three hundred applications on the list already.

The wait time will now be a lot longer than it had been in the recent past.

We share this with you for a couple of reasons.

1) You may know someone who is in need of assistance or is on the waiting list.

It is more important than ever to secure a spot in line on the waiting list. We strongly encourage people to apply.

The longer someone waits, the longer it will take for his/her name to come up on the list.

For someone already on the list, let them know they are welcome to check with us periodically to see if the list has moved.

2) You need to know this incase you are making decisions that may impact your rental assistance.

If for some reason you lose or give up your voucher and need to reapply, it will be a long time before your name comes up on the waiting list again.

Although more people than ever are in need of help, the federal government is not currently expanding programs.

As stewards of the program we need to make sure those funds are being used appropriately, so we will need to make sure everyone is following the rules of the program.



Think Spring!

You must keep us up to date on any changes in household composition and income changes. If we find your household is not reporting accurately, you may be removed from the program.

Including with this newsletter is an overview of your responsibilities.

If you are considering making a change that may affect your rental assistance or have any questions about your situation, please feel free to contact our office so you can make an informed decision.

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